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SPENDER WARNING ON JAPAN'S RESURGENCE

Australian concern over the terms of the peace treaty

FEELING OF INSECURITY

Manila, March 27. The Australian Minister for External Affairs, Percy Spender, in a speech to the Philippine Senate today, warned against the possible resurgence of Japan as a militaristic Power and demanded a voice for the nations that helped defeat Japan in the drafting of the peace treaty with that country.

Mr. Spender, who addressed the Upper Chamber for 20 minutes, said: "We are very much concerned about the kind of peace we are going to have with Japan. We want to see that there is not resurrected a militaristic Japan."

By reason of American occupation, he said, Japan is being restored. "The occupation is doing a good job in Japan but we have some misgivings."

"We believe that the nations who fought Japan have a right to have a say in making the peace treaty. Your nation and my nation have a right to be heard."

Mr. Spender opened his speech by recalling the Philippine-Australians during the war and stressed that the two countries shared similar democratic concepts and desire for peace.

Then he warned: "Today we are facing a great insecurity due to the division of the world into two ideological camps—between those who would lift the dignity and state of man and those who would lift the State and consider the individual as a cipher."

The Australian Minister added that he did not believe that the Russian people desire peace less than we do.

Mr. Spender said that the only way to meet the challenge of Communism is by lifting the living standards of the people."

"He said "I believe important emphasis must be placed on the economic uplift of the peoples in this area. More than half of the peoples of the world are living in standards that are too low."

Facing realities

He cited President Truman's Point Four Programme as an important step toward economic development of the countries in this part of the world.

"The centre of gravity of world affairs more and more has shifted to Asia and the South West Pacific area, the area in which we live. We have seen the emergence of a Communist China and the creation of new nations such as India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Indonesia, and before that the independence of the Philippines," said Mr. Spender.

He added that the rise of these nations has vast, far-reaching effects in world affairs and warned: "We have to face the actual realities of the situation—the Communist challenge in Asia."

"The small nations, if they know where they are going, can effectively contribute to the cause of world peace."

Mr. Spender declined to discuss the Philippines-sponsored South East Asian and Western Pacific Union but praised President Quirino's vision in advocating such collaboration between the countries of this part of the globe. President Quirino had made suggestions regarding the union which he would convey to his Government when he returns to Australia.

Mr. Cobb, won his seat in the February general election by a majority of 2,132 over Mr. W. E. Woolley, a National Liberal—an adjunct of the Conservative Party.

The Weather

At 9:00 a.m. (3 p.m. HKST) the deep depression now centred over the Pacific E. of Japan has moved N.E. and is now in the N. of the depression. A shallow, high pressure system extends from Korea to the Aleutians. Slight pressure gradient persists over the China seas.

Today's Forecast—Light variable winds, cloudy and misty with scattered patches at first, becoming fair in the afternoon, continuing warm.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 85° deg. Fahr. Minimum: 68° deg. Fahr. Sunshine: 8.5 hours.

Rainfall: 0.11 in. Total since Jan. 1—107.5 mm. 3.8 in. as against an average of 145.7 mm. 1.8 in.

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Mr. Spender, told the Senate that his conference at Saigon with President Eliodoro Quirino had been most productive and he believed that in the not-distant future they will prove fruitful for the peace and prosperity of South East Asia.

He refused to elaborate later and said he will not hold any further press conference before leaving tomorrow for the Australian territories where he will leave his plane for an inspection trip.

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Mr. Spender's speech was

well received.

IS THIS A FAKE?



If this picture a fake? Mr. Harold Stassen, President of the University of Pennsylvania and former candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Presidency, says it is. An official picture issued by the Russian Government, it purports to show Stalin voting in the Lenin election district of Moscow, shortly after the election to the Supreme Soviet. Mr. Stassen, however, says the picture is at least 10 years old. The implied suggestion is that the Soviet Dictator is dead or seriously ill. (Associated Press Photo).

Fate of British ship rests with military court

Taipei, March 27. The fate of the British freighter Caduceus, under arrest in Taiwan since February 16, is to be decided by a Chinese military court. Its decision will be final.

The Caduceus, of 4,446 gross tons, was detained just as she was about to sail to Hong Kong from Kaohsiung, in South West Taiwan, after her first trip to this Nationalist island.

Her crew consisted of four British nationals and 63 Chinese.

Nationalist authorities arrested the ship on suspicion that she had passed, or was about to pass, to Communist ownership.

The action was taken after several Chinese members of the crew produced cards showing they belonged to a Communist seamen's union.

The four British officers were confined to the saloon under armed guard for four days, the first 24 hours without food. Then they were taken away in trucks.

Deprived of their services, the ship was without light or power. Water had to be hand-pumped and kerosene lamps had to be used.

No communication in or out of the ship was permitted.

Mr. Conway said the Caduceus is registered in Newcastle-on-Tyne. She was bought by Wallem and Company of Hong Kong from Hall Brothers of Newcastle, England, for £100,000, and arrived in Hong Kong at the end of December.

After being released there, she sailed for Keelung, where she arrived on February 4 and discharged part of her cargo. The rest was discharged at Kaohsiung, where she arrived on February 12.

She never traded with any Communist port, Mr. Conway declared. (Associated Press).

Tiger balm king's of foreclosure in

Singapore, March 27. The "Tiger Balm King," Mr. Aw Boon-haw, said here today that he was much surprised and regretted what had happened but he was not at fault and so his conscience is clear, during an interview, by the Singapore Chinese newspaper, "Sin Chew Jit Poh." In connection with a Hong Kong report that the Canton authorities had foreclosed his Canton office.

Giving his version of the incidents which led to the misunderstanding between him and the Canton authorities, Mr. Aw told the "Sin Chew Jit Poh" that he bore no ill-will against the people's Government and that as a merchant he had never refused to pay any tax that was his due.

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Mr. Aw, however, pointed out that the Canton Municipal Government was only looking for able personnel, and they evidently

wanted to see him in Hong Kong and asked him to subscribe to 10,000 units of Victory Bonds.

Mr. Aw told the envoy that he had already sent his son, Mr. Aw Hoe, to Canton to see the Provincial Governor, General Yeh Chien-ying, and that the envoy had to wait for the reply before he could make a decision on the matter.

The act of subscribing to Victory bonds was an act of patriotism and should be done out of the people's voluntary inclination.

Mr. Aw, however, insisted according to the "Sin Chew Jit Poh," that the other parties could not accept any allocation forced upon him.

CHAMBER CRITICAL OF PRICE CONTROL

Comment on continued price control, described as one of the relics of the old regime, on the method of carrying on trade with Japan, and on Government's proposal to increase taxation, was made at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Chairman, said that many merchants found price control a thorn in the flesh and would like to see the last of it.

Mr. S. Storm Jorgensen, who seconded the Chairman's report, said that the present way of doing business with Japan carries such undesirable features as a black-market in so-called Japan dollars in addition to subsidizing of export goods at the expense of import commodities.

In a separate statement on proposed increased taxation, Mr. Cassidy said that it is generally agreed that any increase would not only add to the present unfairness but that it would lead to still further evasion.

"If a division is challenged on the Second Reading of the Bill, the fact that there was opposition from the Unofficial Members will be brought to the attention of the Secretary of State," said Mr. Cassidy.

He added: "But I feel myself that it is useless to expect any sympathy with our protest against higher taxation, either from the British Government or from the British voter. Our complaint is a domestic one for which we can only obtain a remedy by convincing the local administration that they have adopted the wrong course."

"Whether what was said in the debate last Wednesday will lead to Government dropping its present proposals we shall know in 48 hours' time, but I am not very optimistic," said Mr. Cassidy.

Proposing the adoption of the annual report and accounts, Mr. Cassidy said:

"Law and order and a stable currency are the main contributors to our good fortune but these might have been in jeopardy if it had not been for the prompt despatch of reinforcements by the British Government to strengthen the defence of the Colony."

"We must also acknowledge the service rendered by the Hong Kong Government, both in its administrative and technical branches, which, despite the handicap imposed by shortage of staff, has coped manfully with many difficult problems, not the least of which are those directly arising from the grossly over-crowded state of the Colony."

Abnormal conditions

"Externally our trade has been subjected to abnormal conditions which required a good deal of vigilance to overcome. But the history of the trade of Hong Kong clearly shows that the abnormal is the normal, for the periods when merchandise flowed unimpeded backwards and forwards between this port and the hinterland have been few and far between."

"The vast potentialities of the China market have been for 200 years or more the lure of Western traders, a lure which seems to be as remote today as it was when the factories of Canton were set up. I think that most of us here realize that there is little to be gained by taking the long view where trade with China is concerned and that the best course is to seize opportunities as they present themselves."

"That course has led to the substantial development of our trade with various parts of South East Asia as well as with Japan, Formosa and Korea, so that we are no longer dependent on the China market for the greater part of our entrepot trade. And although business itself always be our main function, it is highly

FRENCH C-IN-C TO VISIT HK

General Marcel M. Cartier, Commander-in-Chief, French Far East Forces, will visit the Colony at the end of the week for a few days. He will be accompanied by Madame Cartier and they will be the guests of the Governor.

"Although the General's visit is private he will take the opportunity of touring the New Territories and visiting a few units.

General Cartier, who is 54 years old, entered the Saint-Cyr Cavalry Special Military Academy, in 1913. He was commissioned the following year.

During World War I he served with the Infantry in Belgium and saw action at Marne, Artois, and the Vosges. He was awarded 10 decorations, including the Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and the Croix de Guerre with five citations.

"Between the wars he had several important appointments including a tour of duty with the French Military Mission to Brazil.

Holding staff appointments under General Weygand in 1940, and later Command of a regiment in Tunisia, General Cartier was appointed Chief-of-Staff to General John in 1943 with the rank of General de Brigade.

Later he held further staff appointments with the French Expeditionary Force in Europe and succeeded to the command of the 2nd French Division. He assumed his present appointment last year.

Among the General's many foreign decorations are Commander of the British Empire and the American Legion of Merit.

RAF IN ACTION

Singapore, March 27. Waves of Royal Air Force bombers, including heavy Lincolns, today pounded for 30 minutes an intensive area of Malayan jungle known to be hiding a terrorist concentration.

The attack was covered by low cloud. The jungle was strafed by machine-gun fire. The bombs struck in the Pahang district of Negeri Sembilan, in the Southern Malay States. (Reuters)

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Personalia

Nine Europeans, including a two-and-a-half year old girl, left Hong Kong for Tientsin yesterday by the ss. Hupeh. They are Mr. and Mrs. W. Wadie, Professor and Mrs. J. A. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. E. Wheen, Miss N. K. Wheen, and Messrs. C. O. Soltau and E. Aitken.

Other passengers who boarded the ss. Hupeh yesterday for Inchon included Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cotesworth and two children and Messrs. S. Relton, Shin Suk-woo and Kim Jun-shik.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. R. Newton left Hong Kong for Geneva by the ss. Automedon yesterday.

Captain W. Bambra and Mr. C. H. Blake left for the United Kingdom yesterday by the ss. Automedon.

Messrs. F. W. Allan, Jr., H. Lar- char, E. E. Pascalis and R. Serra were among those who left the Colony for Saigon by Air France yesterday.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mrs. P. Cabungbang, Mrs. A. J. Hill, Major and Mrs. J. H. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baldewall, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blair, Messrs. J. E. Poulden, R. N. Thompson, A. Kilchand, G. Graham, S. C. Norris, E. Cathie, J. F. Watkins, E. Moller, G. Fletcher, N. White, J. A. McConnell, S. M. Keeny, and M. V. Berg.

Among the new week-end ar- rivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Miss J. Lodiastro, Mrs. M. A. Moyles, Mrs. J. Faxon, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rastyan, Messrs. G. T. Hicks, G. Stern, J. S. Yen, Y. H. Tu, J. H. Marchal, E. Harris, J. H. C. Cooper, N. F. Webb, W. P. Roberts, F. S. Bush, W. R. O'Brien, and W. Barker.

RO FINED ON TRAFFIC CHARGE

For driving car No. 2150 without a valid licence on Saturday evening, Peter Brant, 30-year-old Revenue Officer, was fined \$150 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Canton yesterday.

Inspector Wheeler said that about 9 p.m. Brant borrowed the car from the manager of the White Horse Bar in Lockhart Road. He told the man that he held a licence. The car was driven by the defendant to the Victoria Barracks and then later taken to the New York Bar.

About 9 p.m. Yuen Yun-kam noticed that the car was damaged and as he was arguing with the defendant about the payment of \$50 for the hire of the car he (Inspector Wheeler) arrived on the scene, and on finding that Brant had no licence to drive placed him under arrest.

Brant, who appeared in Court late, said that he had been on duty and asked to be excused.

He pleaded guilty to the charge and said that he had behaved like a fool after having a few drinks. He told the Court that he would soon be leaving the Colony for home as he was quitting the Revenue Department and could not find another job in Hong Kong. He said that he was a native of Manchester and his wife and daughter were in England.

In Peking, Mr. Lo said that it was very serious offence to keep the Court waiting. His offence against the traffic regulations was also very serious, but in view of the fact that he would soon be leaving for home he was being dealt with leniently.



Communist ships in HK harbour

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The position of the Communist-flagged ships in Victoria Harbour—13 of the China Merchants Navigation Steamship Company and four of the Chinese Maritime Customs—is still obscure.

Hitherto, no plans have been drawn up by the respective organisations for future operation of their vessels, all of which are at present laid-up.

A senior official of the CMC stated last evening that the local office is awaiting instructions from Peking.

He denied vernacular reports that portions of the four remaining CMC cruisers in port are being sent to Shumshui for training. The men have been working on the boats all along, he added.

The CMCN, which switched allegiance early this year, also has no plans for its laid-up ships. Four, however, have been offered to the local public as floating godowns. So far, only one is being utilized; the others are still waiting to receive cargo.

According to a responsible official of the CMCN, one or more Nationalist naval craft are patrolling outside Hong Kong, waiting for any Red-flagged ships to leave Hong Kong. He asserted that he had been informed on several occasions of the existence of prowling Nationalist warships.

The CMCN official declared that if it were not for this, the CMCN could have sent South some of the laid ships in port to resume the Straits-Indian run.

Air danger

With the presence of hostile aircraft over the South China Sea, the predicament of the local Chinese Communist organisations has been aggravated to such an extent that it has even been declared dangerous to send a ship flying the Red emblem to the Pearl River.

The Communist-flagged river steamer Wen Hsing was strafed and bombed by raiding Nationalist P-51s recently.

The Wen Hsing was towed into port recently—totally gutted by fire caused by incendiaries.

Another Red ship, the ss. Kwei Hui, belonging to the recently-defected Kwangsi Navigation Company, a semi-Kuomintang shipping organisation, is at present "stranded" at Cheung Sha Wan. Most of her personnel, it was learned, had left the ship when the company switched to the new regime.

A report said that attempts to recruit personnel to man the re-converted United States Navy landing craft have, hitherto, been fruitless. This, however, could not be confirmed. The Commandant-in-Chief of the company closed down in mid-March.

The sister ship of the Kwei Hui is at present at Canton. It could not be confirmed whether she had already obtained her new registry. The Kwei Hui left the Colony early in January, according to her owners, to register for the new flag at Canton.

In the weeks following her departure, she was still reported to be undergoing certain formalities before she could begin service in the Pearl River area. So far no report has reached the Colony that she is on the run.

Flying KMT flag

The Kwangsi Navigation Com- pany left Canton with only a skeleton staff. A number of the Hong Kong personnel declined to follow suit. They were paid several months' salaries and back pay on their resignation.

Meanwhile, except for these few, Communist-controlled ships, all the Chinese vessels in port now fly the Communists' flag. Most of them are now Panamanian.

Some of these are at present moored in the Kowloon area, while others are at anchor in the Victoria Harbour.

Meanwhile, the Communists

up before she acquired her new Panamanian flag.

Another of this group, the ss. Mirandas, formerly the Tai Kong, was recently a victim of bad weather off Keeling and founder- ed with more than 4,500 tons of ore.

Defending first accused is Mr. Peicy Chen and Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, both instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. D'Alton himself instructed by Mr. Stewart is appearing for the second and third accused.

Dealing with each count, Mr.

Hooton told the jury that the first count was against the first and second accused. This was in relation to events on November 23, and was for possession of 105 of the forged \$100 notes.

The second count was against

the first accused alone, and

alleged that he was in possession of \$500 forged \$100 notes. The third count embraced the first and third accused, and was in connection with possession of 2,770 \$100 forged notes and 20 \$100 notes.

The fourth count was against

the first accused alone, and

alleged that he was in possession of \$500 forged \$100 notes. The fifth count embraced the first and third accused, and was in connection with possession of 105 of the forged \$100 notes.

The sixth count was against

the first accused alone, and

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alleged that he was in possession of \$500 forged \$100 notes.

The twenty-sixth count was against

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alleged that he was in possession of \$500 forged \$100 notes.

The twenty-seventh count was against

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

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"There are two sets of tables, one for pre-war figures and the other for post-war figures and it will be seen how there has been a swing over from the North East Asia Group to the South East Asia Group. Statistics, of course, can mislead us well as inform but it does not require much research to convince us that our business has expanded and it is finding channels which never existed before the war. There are now present in the Colonies many traders from the North whose activities have materially increased the volume of trade between here and the ports of Tsingtao and Tientsin."

"Our trade with Japan has increased despite a setback during the last few months of the year in consequence of the devaluation of sterling. Devaluation might have involved the Colony in a serious exchange loss in connection with the two-way account with SCAP, but prompt action taken in consultation with this Chamber saved the situation and, as things are working out, there may be a profit instead of a potential loss."

"There is no doubt that Hong Kong has proved a useful trading partner for Japan and with the passage of time SCAP has come more and more to rely upon Hong Kong as a source of supply for Japan's needs and as an outlet for her manufacturers. In the absence of any direct means of linking the economies of China and Japan, Hong Kong has been the intermediary and many transactions not involving shipments in and out of the Colony have been financed through the two-way account."

"When commercial relations between Japan and Hong Kong were established in the autumn of 1946 there was a lack of system which not surprisingly led to a sense of frustration for some of our members and their branches in Japan. Conditions under which this trade was conducted improved during 1949. Since the year closed Mr. K. M. A. Burnett, as Director of Supplies and Distribution, visited Japan to negotiate with SCAP and we have every hope that a mutually satisfactory arrangement will have been arrived at."

"We should like to feel that the trade will now be allowed to develop in an entrepreneurial manner by merchants and entrepreneurs between Japanese manufacturers and producers and overseas markets, and vice versa aided by the support and assistance of their bankers."

Official office necessary

"It appears as if the Hong Kong Government Office in Tokyo will still be necessary. In this connection I should like to acknowledge the indebtedness of many of our members to the present Representative in charge, Mr. W. J. Anderson, who for the past year has used all his endeavour to pilot the merchant through the intricate channels surrounding SCAP. I hope steps will be taken to provide Mr. Anderson with fully qualified assistance and that sufficient funds will be made available to improve the existing office organisation."

"It is understood that the Department of Supplies and Distribution is about to be merged in the Department of Commerce and Industry. We have full confidence in the newly appointed Director, Mr. A. G. Clarke, and we feel sure that his experience of the financial side of the administration will stand him in good stead."

"One of the relics of the old regime which will presumably come under Commerce and Industry is Price Control. Without casting any reflection upon the present Price Controller, who has never been entirely a free agent, many of us have found Price Control a thorn in the flesh and we should like to see the last of it."

"In regard to essential food-stuffs, clothing and other necessities it has served its purpose but it has wasted the time of merchants to an inordinate extent by calling for information regarding luxury and semi-luxury lines and it has made some arbitrary ruling without any consideration for the circumstance of the case."

"For example a decision was apparently come to in December that canned provisions from America should be priced on the basis of HK\$0.30 to US\$1 despite the fact that the free market rate was well above that level where for sometime it remained. No prior notification was given to importers nor was this Chamber consulted. Yet we have now provided figures showing that similar commodities from Australia, owing to a rise in price probably in consequence of devaluation, are now costing more than the American article even if the latter were imported on the basis of the current free market price."

"Then again the margin of profit allowed to importers on pharmaceuticals has been arbitrarily reduced with the consequence that certain lines have been driven under the counter. We have, of course, brought these anomalies to the attention of the officials concerned, but we have yet to convince them that the most effective form of price control is competition between dealers."

"Apart from expensive luxuries no line can be said to have more than a reasonable margin of profit without all undue difficulty being experienced. The local companies are well able to afford

care of themselves if any attempt is made to overcharge."

Import trade

"I should like to turn to our import trade. Textiles formed nearly 10 per cent of the total imports and as you are aware the Piece Goods market has always been of concern to many of our members. The days when White and Grey were shipped here in vast quantities by Manchester have long passed away and even our Fancy Piece Goods trade with Lancashire, which reached its zenith immediately after the First World War, is but a shadow of its former self."

Industrial plants

"In the case of Woollens and Worsted, Bradford goods still lead the way but unfortunately over-buying during 1948 has resulted in heavy stocks being carried over to the season which is just passing and owing to the virtual cessation of shipments to Canton there is still a substantial carry over, particularly in worsted suitings, to next autumn. The



Mr. C. C. Roberts, the new Chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce. (China Mail photo).

one consolation is that with the phenomenal rise in the price of raw wool replacing cost is now far above the landed cost of stocks held here and on paper there is a potential profit in view if demand revives.

"In this connection there has been an enormous expansion of the retail trade which plays a far more important part in the overall trade of the Colony than ever before. Many of the bigger stores are in a position to finance their own purchases but there are many smaller retailers who are good customers of several of our member firms.

"The influx of wealthy Chinese from the North has greatly expanded purchasing power in the shops and a stroll along Queen's Road Central will convince one that there is an air of prosperity which has enabled many retailers to modernise their premises and thus to display their wares to greater advantage. It must, however, be borne in mind that much of the increased purchasing power comes from capital and it is doubtful whether this can be replenished. Retailers, therefore, should take care that they are not carried away by the increased turnover of the past year otherwise they may find themselves in a false position."

"There are other categories of the Import Trade where caution is called for. One of the drawbacks of the Import Trade is the importers who, having placed large order with a local manufacturer, wrote to the Chamber requesting us to provide a surveyor who would, for what the buyer believed would be a nominal fee, ensure that the goods shipped were in accordance with the sale note. We felt it necessary to advise our applicant that what he was asking us to do was to provide the normal services of the merchant house at a nominal charge. I would reiterate that the merchant performs an essential service in marketing the products of a factory and that the extra cost is more than compensated for by the services rendered. As you probably know I spent several months in Britain last year, during which time I came in contact with many businessmen, whose interests lay in the Far East. There was not unnaturally considerable concern as to the situation in Hong Kong, particularly as most of the newspapers carried reports which painted a very black picture. It was by no means to produce a contrasting picture of Hong Kong standing as a sure rock in the midst of troubled waters. The line I took was that there was reason for confidence in the future of Hong Kong because of the prompt action of the Hong Government."

"For more than 100 years the merchants of Hong Kong have been inclined to think that whatever Government was in power at Westminster they never received the support that was due to them. I don't think that view can be held now. The visit of the Minister of Defence, the appointment of General Festing (whose sudden departure was deplored by us all), and the rapid reinforcement not only of the garrison but of the Naval and Air Forces showed that the Imperial Government was determined that this small portion of the Empire was to be safeguarded against any threat, whatever might happen, it from whatever quarter it might come. And we, the merchants of today, are, I am sure, only thankful."

"Local industry has been greatly encouraged by the removal of import restrictions into the United Kingdom. This has enabled many exporters to re-establish relations with their buyers in Britain and Hong Kong manufactured goods are again meeting the demand for the lower income group whose needs are for something cheaper than British manufactured products. It is, however, of the almost impossible that local manufacturers in their endeavour to market their goods at an attractive price should burn out

temptation to lower their quality.

"In this connection Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, the Hong Kong Government representative in London, visited Hong Kong with a view to instituting a set of standards for the guidance of manufacturers. The Chamber is busy working in conjunction with the Chinese Manufacturers' Union to establish minimum requirements and there is every reason to hope that exporters will be able to despatch their orders without any fear of claims arising on the grounds of inferiority."

hope that they now realise that there was every justification for overcoming their reluctance.

"I should like to add a word of appreciation for the service which this Chamber receives from the China Association in London. The Association is ever ready to act on our behalf when we call upon it and by keeping close contact with Government departments as well as with all organisations, commercial or otherwise, who have relations with the Far East, it performs a most useful function for which we are grateful."

"I cannot conclude without an expression of sympathy for the business community in Shanghai who for months past have suffered an ordeal which must daunt the most valiant heart. We greatly deplore the loss of life occasioned to those who through no fault of their own have been victims of a senseless warfare and we fervently hope that the great city of Shanghai will before long emerge

Chamber of Commerce officials

Mr. C. C. Roberts, Manager of Butterfield and Swire, was elected Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce for the current year at the annual general meeting of the Chamber yesterday.

Mr. P. S. Caswelly, outgoing Chairman, was elected Vice-Chairman.

from its hour of trial and once again play its part as a great commercial metropolis."

Undaunted spirit

The Report and Accounts were seconded by Mr. S. Storm Jorgenson. He said:

"After due credit has been given to the Government and allowance made for the unusual opportunities which the abnormal circumstances have offered, I am inclined to believe that a good share of the Colony's success in 1949 is due to the undaunted spirit which has prevailed in general, a spirit kept alive by the Colony's leading citizens in all walks of life, by various bodies of commerce and industry, not least by the General Chamber of Commerce, headed by its Chairman, Committees and Staff, and supported by all its members.

"I shall abstain from comment on the much discussed new taxation proposal and restrict myself to express hopes that, whatever may be the outcome of the tax question, the various tasks before the Government, such as improved ferry services across the harbour and the long overdue airport, will be proceeded with as quickly and efficiently as possible. We all hope that the present lull in the air traffic will be of a temporary nature only, and wish to see Hong Kong equipped with an airport which will rival its splendid harbour.

"We hope that there will be a strong delegation from Hong Kong, including both manufacturers and merchants, and our Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. Blaikie, has kindly consented to act as leader of Hong Kong's party. One of the matters which the Chamber's representatives will have in mind is the desirability of putting home buyers in touch with existing merchant houses in Hong Kong. Buyers who endeavour to establish direct relations with manufacturers are often disappointed in cases where the organisation is not adapted to export business and it is there that the merchant can offer services which are outside the capacity of the manufacturer.

"We recently had a case where a buyer in Britain, having placed a large order with a local manufacturer, wrote to the Chamber requesting us to provide a surveyor who would, for what the buyer believed would be a nominal fee, ensure that the goods shipped were in accordance with the sale note. We felt it necessary to advise our applicant that what he was asking us to do was to provide the normal services of the merchant house at a nominal charge. I would reiterate that the merchant performs an essential service in marketing the products of a factory and that the extra cost is more than compensated for by the services rendered.

"In this connection I feel that mention should also be made of the generally satisfactory cooperation, which has existed between the consignees of paper, fertiliser, and so on, and the shipping companies. As you know, Hong Kong consignees are used to the facility of direct discharge of their goods into the public godowns, and it has been an unpleasant necessity for the shipping agents to have to insist on delivery direct ex ship's tackle to consignees' lighters, but I am glad to say that, as far as I know, in the majority of cases discharge under these conditions has proceeded fairly satisfactorily. I hope this co-operation will continue to the benefit of all concerned."

"With reference to our Chairman's interesting remarks on the Japan trade, I believe that this sphere of business has been the cause of some disappointment to a number of merchants. The present way of doing business may be highly necessary and desirable from certain points of view, but viewed from a purely commercial angle it carries with it, besides an expensive administration, paid for by the merchants, a measure of control alien to free trade, and also such undesirable features as the rules and regulations of the trading, a black market in so-called 'Japan' dollars plus subsidising of export goods at the expense of import commodities."

"I heartily endorse the Chairman's remarks regarding price control. In as much as I believe that control of most commodities including rice could now be safely discarded, and that such a step would be to the general benefit not only of the merchants, but also of the purchasing public. In any case, I think no time should be lost in allowing rice to enter the Colony, in transit, in the same way as sugar and flour, as such a step would offer new possibilities for Hong Kong's entrepot business."

LAND AUCTION

There was brisk bidding at yesterday's Crown Land Auction Sale at the Public Works Department.

Two 1,400-square-foot residential lots were sold for HK\$40,000. Total land price for the two lots was HK\$100,000.

The police were sent for and the defendants were taken to the Central Police Station.

Taxation

"At the end of the meeting the Chairman made the following statement on the question of Taxation:

"In my address on the Report I purposely omitted any reference to the Budget recently presented by Government. My reason for so doing was that the address is confined to a review of the year which has passed, and therefore does not deal with events in 1950, and in any case I was acting as the mouth-piece of the General Committee. Now address you as representative on the Legislative Council and I alone am responsible for any of the opinions expressed."

"There is no doubt that there is considerable opposition to Government's proposals. This is by no means confined to the foreign section of the community who fear that an increase in direct taxation would effect them considerably more than it would the other sections of the community. Chinese opinion as expressed by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Chinese Manufacturers' Union and the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce is also opposed to the Government's proposals and prefers that indirect taxation should be resorted to if additional revenue is required."

"In the course of last Wednesday's debate the weight of Unofficial opinion was against the Financial Secretary's recommendation that the standard rate of Business Profits tax should be raised from 10 to 15 per cent and that Salaries tax should be adjusted to a higher level than that at present in force. Various alternative methods of raising revenue were suggested the most interesting one being the proposal to levy a flat charge of \$300 or every business firm and company."

"I think it is generally agreed that the Business and Earnings taxes fall on the shoulders of a comparatively few and that any increase in the standard rate would not only add to the present unfairness but that it would lead to still further evasion. Criticism of the Inland Revenue Department shows that there is a lack of confidence in its capacity to ensure equitable treatment of all parties who are liable under the Ordinance."

"In my opinion the Department has to work under considerable strain partly due to it being deficient in staff, at any rate as regards senior officers with the requisite qualifications. It is to my mind highly desirable that until the time comes when it is possible to adopt income tax regulations which can be equitably applied, any further revenue raised should be raised by direct means."

General Committee

The following members of the General Committee were re-elected:

Mr. Arthur Morse and Messrs. E. F. Landale, P. S. Cassidy, J. D. Alexander, G. Barker, H. J. Collar, E. R. Hill, A. Robbie, C. C. Roberts and John Robinson.

Mr. T. W. Shearer did not offer himself for re-election.

The complainant also asked for the custody of her 14-year-old son, and \$300 monthly as maintenance.

The defendant was represented by Mr. Y. H. Chan.

The complainant said that they had been married for more than 15 years. About two years ago quarrels arose because of the wife wanting to change the name of the son. On the 28th day of the 12th month (Lunar calendar) the defendant returned to 182, Wo Sung Street, first floor and assaulted her. She continued that he had ordered her from the premises two days earlier but she had replied that she had nowhere to go.

About 6.30 p.m. on that day he had come home and attacked her. A thermos flask was thrown at her but missed. She suffered injuries to various parts of the body.

She told the Court that she had heard friends say that the defendant earned about HK\$1,000 each month and asked for \$300 each month for maintenance. Cross-examined by Mr. Chan, she denied having fought with the defendant, saying that the defendant always attacked her without provocation as she had refused to leave the house. She also denied that she used to stay out until the early hours of the morning, adding that she never left the house unless he gave her permission.

In a brief opening outline, Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe alleged that, shortly after midnight on February 18, complainant, Mrs. Hyacinth Rosario Malig, of 9, Housing Estate, Ma Tau Chung, Argyle Street, boarded a bus to go home at the Star Ferry wharf. Defendant also got on and followed her. His advanced wife again resisted and the defendant was alleged to have hit the defendant in the head and knocked him unconscious. When defendant came to, he found that defendant had got off at the corner of Prince Edward Road and Star Ferry, defendant also got on and followed her. His advanced wife again resisted and the defendant was alleged to have hit the defendant in the head and knocked him unconscious. When defendant came to, he found that defendant had got off at the corner of Prince Edward Road and Star Ferry, defendant also got on and followed her. His advanced wife again resisted and the defendant was alleged to have hit the defendant in the head and knocked him unconscious.

At the conclusion of the cross-examination the case was adjourned to April 3.

MERCHANT NAVY MEN FINED

Thomas Fook, aged 29, sailor of Empire Orwell, Douglas, Lawer, aged 22, sailor, and Roy Ansell, fourth engineer of the same ship, were each fined five dollars by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday when they were found guilty on a charge of committing a public mischief.

The prosecution's story was that the three defendants boarded the motor boat King 4 on March 27 and tried to start the engine. They were told not to do so by the ticket collector at Blake Pier.

The police were sent for and the defendants were taken to the Central Police Station.

KCR RENTAL

Reports that a second Shanghai goods train arrived in Kowloon on Sunday morning were denied yesterday by an official of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

Reminders

Today

HK Rotary Club, Closed Meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Urban Council meeting GPO Bldg, 4.15 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

HK Light Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral hall, 6.45 p.m.

HK Rotary Free Anti-Trachoma Clinic, 217, King's Road, official opening by Dr. T. J. Hua, 2.30 p.m.

Cheerio Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Billy Tingle's P. T. and Boxing, 8 p.m.; Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

HK Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd., annual general meeting, Chung Tin Bldg, 12 noon.

Little Flower Club, annual meeting, King's Park, 6 p.m.

HK Football Referees Association monthly meeting, Prince's Bldg, 8.30 p.m.

HK Art Club, Monthly Exhibition, St. John's Cathedral hall, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (admission free).

European YMCA Debating Society Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

Women's Section, European YMCA, Whist Drive, 10 a.m.

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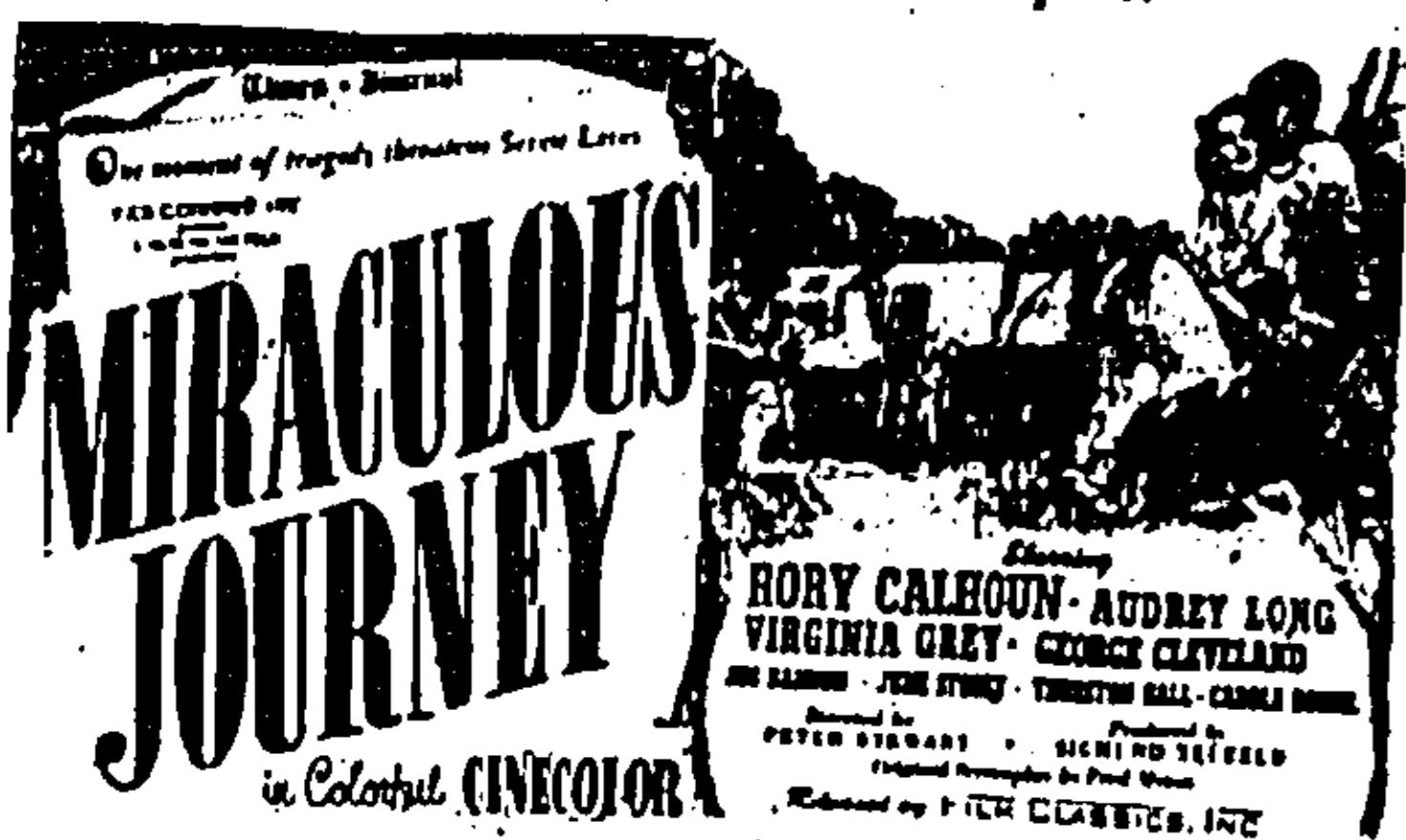
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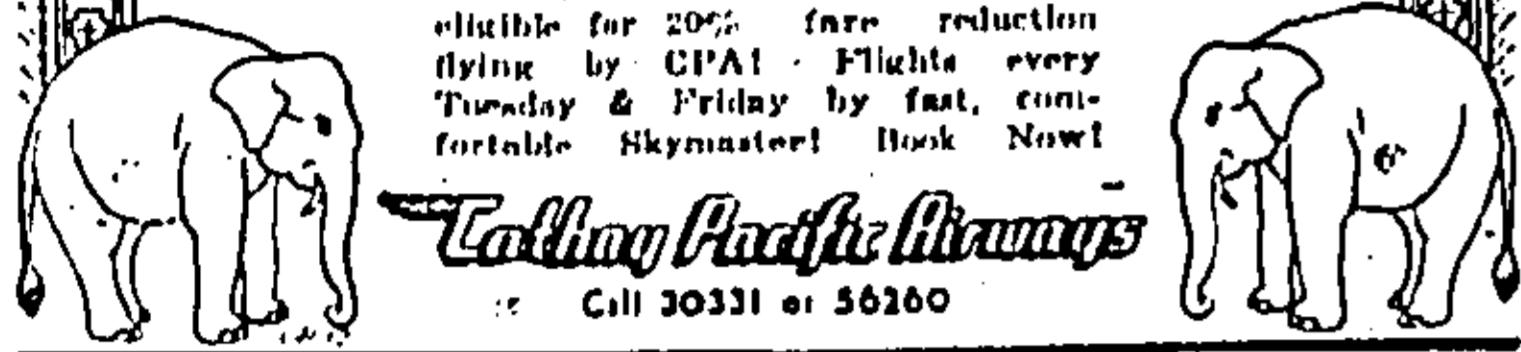
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MEMORIAL SERVICE

FITZROY-WILLIAMS—A
Memorial Service for David
Fitzroy-Williams, DSC and
Bar. Lieut. R.N. (ret'd), will
be held at St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. Thursday,
March 30th.

THE SIMPLE PLAN

As usual, the tax-collector is running away with policy and doctrine in the People's China. In the era of the Tuchuns, Cabinets came and went like shadows. Power rested with the Military, and the sole policy of their wars and their peace was to grab more and more of both public and private revenues. The Nationalists also had idealists and doctrinaires. Hu Han-min tried to impose revolutionary changes by legislation. The Hundred Days of reform by Edict of Kwang Hsu was mere byplay compared with the spate of words and laws, including the Civil Code, which poured from the Legislative Yuan in its palmiest days. It was all in vain. The long gowns and short jackets were soon involved in those bitter controversies which culminated in the 1930 civil war. All through events have conformed with the good old rule, the simple plan, that they should take who have the power, and they should keep who can. The only difference nowadays is that more is taken and less is kept!

Judgment of the Communists will be based on what they do for the people, not by speeches or doctrines. The People's Government must be expected to be a government for the people, if not by or of the people. The higher the claims, the higher the expectations, the steeper the drop in popular esteem—if they fail in this. Certainly, in many things they are doing better than any previous government in China's modern history, in the teeth of difficulties and economic deterioration that have become progressively worse. But the tax-collector is more rapacious than ever. The Victory Bond racket has attacked high and low alike—except the officials themselves, of course. Ideology has come down from the stars and people are being compelled to turn their pockets out. Desperate needs have produced desperate methods, and desperate methods in their turn require desperate measures.

Even the Communist hierarchy are alarmed about it all, and the Central Committee on Saturday issued an appeal—pardon, an instruction—to all Party members to "extend and strengthen their links with the masses and non-party democrats." The Committee pointed out that the Party was working for the interests of the people and the nation, and sought absolutely no self-interest. The Party should not run counter to the people's will, and should stand with them and not above them.

Some of the "errors" that have accompanied the famine crisis were exposed recently by Tung Pi-wu, but this is merely one phase of current complaints which have caused a great slump in the popularity of the regime. Heavy taxes and grain levies, conscription of labour, economic disorders of unprecedented variety and range, aggravated by the blockade and bombings—maldistribution of food, harsh and petty tyranny: these are among

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE THIRD BOOK

THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Clamour for a second front

By Winston
Churchill

From gravity of the crisis on the Russian front its poignant terms which commanded my sympathy. But when presently I sensed an underlying note of mace in his appeal I was angered.

I told the Ambassador, whom I had known for many years, "Remember that only four months ago we in this Island did not know whether you were not coming to assist us on the German side. Indeed, we thought it quite likely that you would. Even then we felt sure we should win in the end. We never thought our survival was dependent on your action either way. Whatever happens and whatever you do, you of people have no right to make reproaches to us."

As I turned to the topic the Ambassador exclaimed, "More calm, please, my dear Mr. Churchill," but thereafter his tone perceptibly changed. The dis-

cussion and the turning-point character which would attach to our reply. Although nothing in his language warranted the assumption, we could not exclude the impression that they might be thinking of separate terms.

The Cabinet have thought it right to send the attached reply. Hope you will not object to our references to possible American aid. I feel that the moment may be decisive. We can but do our best.

Cable from Stalin

On Sept. 15, 1941, I received another telegram from Stalin: In my last message (he said) I stated the viewpoint of the Soviet Government that the establishment of a second front is the most fundamental remedy for improvement of the situation with regard to our common cause. In reply to your message, in which you stress once more the impossibility of a second front at the present moment, I can only reiterate that the absence of a second front simply favours the designs of our common enemy.

I have no doubt that the British Government desires to see the Soviet Union victorious and is looking for ways and means to attain this end. If, as they think, the establishment of a second front in the West is at present impossible, perhaps another method could be found to render to the Soviet Union an active military help?

It seems to me that Great Britain could without risk land in Archangel 25 to 30 divisions, or transport them across Iran to the Southern regions of the USSR. In this way there could be established military collaboration between the Soviet and British troops on the territory of the USSR. A similar situation existed during the last war—in France. The arrangement mentioned would constitute a great help. It would be a serious blow against the Hitler aggressors.

It is almost incredible that the head of the Russian Government with all the advice of their military experts could have committed himself to such absurdities. It seemed hopeless to argue with a man thinking in terms of utter unreality. He continued:

I thank you very much for your promise to render us assistance by the monthly deliveries of aluminium, tanks and aircraft. I can only welcome the intention of the British Government to render this assistance in aluminium, tanks and aircraft on the usual commercial basis (but) of comradeship and collaboration. I hope the British Government will have ample opportunity of being convinced that the Soviet Government understands how to appreciate the help received from its ally....

I sent the best answer I could to this message.

Prime Minister to M. Stalin
17 September 41.

1. Many thanks for your message. The Harriman Mission has all arrived, and is working all day long with Beaverbrook and his colleagues. The object is to survey the whole field of resources so as to be able to work out with you a definite programme of monthly delivery by every possible route, and thus help repair as far as possible losses of your munition industries. President Roosevelt's idea

is that this plan should cover up till the end of June, but naturally we shall go on with you till victory. I hope the conference may open in Moscow on the 28th of this month, but no publicity should be given till all are safely gathered. The routes and method of travel will be signalled later.

(To be continued)



"Policemen shot by armed robbers." It would have been a distinctly better story if they'd been shot by unarmed robbers.

So Joe is not going to have a try at regaining the heavyweight championship after all. There was the disturbing possibility that he might Louis.

Flying saucers are now reported over Morocco. That's going to shoo them.

"Shock to Parisians." No, Myrtle, it wasn't a chorus girl with all her clothes on.

On his arrival in Spain, the young king's limousine was sprayed with perfume.

Quite understandably, as the car was sent out to salute Adulat.

This closing of factories brings balm to nobody, except those who have Rod spots.

Philadelphia surgeons have successfully operated on a man's heart through the neck.

When the patient arrived in hospital, his heart was in his mouth. How very convenient, said the medics.

"Whittle down what extra bulge with tested seven-day diet." I give up. Tell me.

Then we had: "If your hips are prominent, tuck them under a couple of inches." Of what?

"Most adults are children at heart, and they love ice cream and trifles, no matter how old they are."

Sorry, but when they're more than a week old, this adult just loses interest.

Forward Dracula.

"Next change: 'Kiss the blood off my hands.'"

It would be quite a change, but at the moment I'm otherwise engaged.

Local trade unionists have offered two motor vehicles to Peking, and are due to drive them to the mainland today.

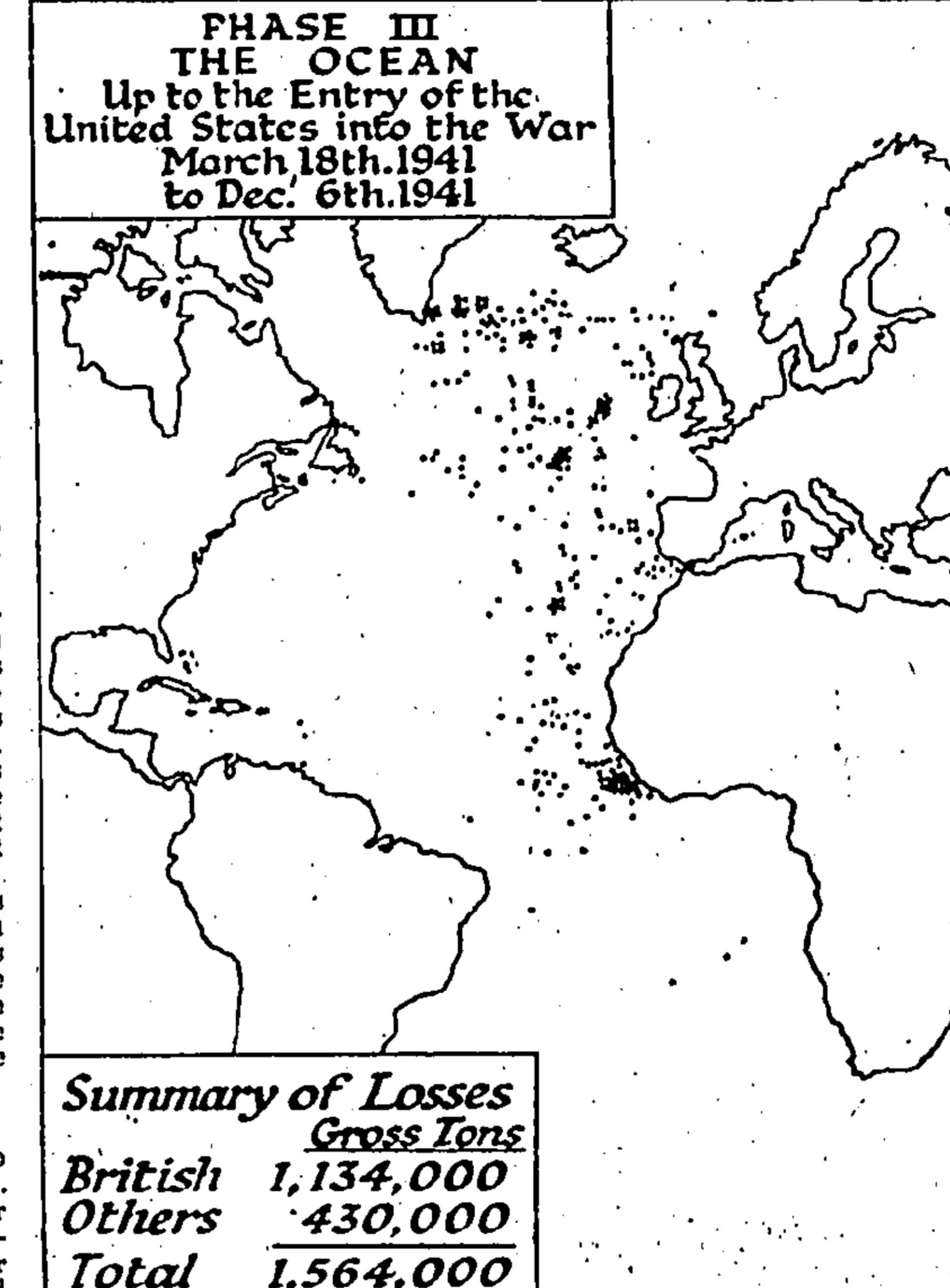
They will at least have a run for their money.

A company has been formed in England to offer holidays to be paid for on the instalment system. So it will be a case of saving up for one's last holiday.

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over the ground, over the Persian railway with rolling-stock to raise it from its present capacity of two trains a day each way up to its full capacity, namely, 12 trains a day each way. This should be reached by the spring of 1942, and meanwhile will be steadily improving. Locomotives and rolling-stock have to be sent round the Cape from this country after being converted to oil-burners, and the water supply along the railway has to be developed. The first 48 locomotives and 400 steel trucks are about to start.

Joint plans
5. We are ready to make joint plans with you now. Whether British armies will be strong enough to invade the mainland of Europe during 1942 must depend on unforeseeable events. It may be possible however to assist you in the extreme North when there is more darkness. We are hoping to raise our armies in the Middle East to a strength of three-quarters of a million before the end of the present year, and thereafter to a million by the summer of 1942.

Once the German-Italian forces in Libya have been destroyed all these forces will be available to come into line on your Southern flank, and it is hoped to encourage Turkey to maintain at the least a faithful neutrality. Meanwhile we shall continue to batter Germany from the air with increasing severity and to keep the seas open and ourselves alive.

6. In your first paragraph you used the word "sell." We had not viewed the matter in such terms and have never thought of payment. Any assistance we can give you would better be upon the same basis of comradeship as the American Lend-Lease Bill, of which no formal account is kept in money.

7. We are willing to put any pressure upon Finland in our power, including immediate notification that we will declare war upon her should she continue beyond the old frontiers.

We are asking the United States to take all possible steps to influence Finland.

I thought the whole matter so important that I sent simultaneously the following telegram to the President while the impression was fresh in my mind:

Former Naval Person to President Roosevelt, Sept. 6, '41.

The Soviet Ambassador brought the subjoined message to President Roosevelt to expedite the arrival here in London of Mr. Harriman's Mission, and

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MOULD OF WHANGPOO SILTS UP

Tokyo, March 28. Shanghai, the city built on mud, is being strangled by the ooze from which it arose.

A report for the U.S. Navy says mud from the mighty Yangtze is choking off the sea approach to what was once the third busiest port in the world.

The man who wrote the report and mariners who have studied it say that within a year Shanghai will be inaccessible to commercial shipping of any importance, regardless of the Nationalist blockade.

Thus Shunghai will be cut off by nature from the trade which made it grow into a city of five to six million people. It faces the prospect of deteriorating into an isolated inland provincial centre.

The Yangtze for years has been carrying countless thousands of tons of mud to the sea.

The silt settles at a point where the Yangtze pours into the East China Sea.

Only constant dredging in the past kept the Yangtze's mouth open so that big ships could go up-stream and into the Whangpoo River to Shanghai.

Dredging ceased when the Communists took Shanghai in May, 1949. Now the South Channel, the only useable approach left, is rapidly turning into a mud bank that will be passable only to junks or other small vessels.

The North Channel is the only other entrance to the Yangtze. Large ships stopped using it in 1931 due to silting.—Associated Press.

The new proposals provide, in the main, for modification of direct free medicine and medical treatment in favour of subsidies to community health services. They also provide subsidies for friendly (or benevolent) societies.

But some doctors today also object to the first proposals of the new Government to water down the "socialistic" aspects of the old plan.

The new proposals provide, in the main, for modification of

anti-parasitic and tetanus toxoids; anti-malaria and oxygen.

Thus, if a patient needs penicillin in an emergency, the doctor can prescribe it and the Government will pay the pharmacist for the prescription. But if a doctor should prescribe some patent medicine not on the free list, the patient would have to pay for it himself.

"What is needed is not so much free bottles of medicine, as the raising of the general standards of the health of the nation," Sir Earle Page contended.

The new Government proposes to provide free medicine, just as the Labour regime did but only in the form of vital life-saving and life-sustaining drugs which are mostly very costly.

There is another major difference in the proposals: Under the old plan, an official formula limited the freedom of doctors to 948 specific prescriptions which the Government felt would cover most medical situations and stabilise the cost of the plan.

Sir Earle Page's first new proposal, which the Australian medical profession is discussing at present, establishes a list of about 60 drugs only. It does not attempt to set up specific prescriptions.

Simplified list

The new list would include simple preparations such as sulfa drugs; anti-biotics such as penicillin; streptomycin, aureomycin, chloromycin, insulin,

a year, and the medical benefit fund, for those earning more than £550. Two of the biggest societies are underwritten by the British Medical Association.

The doctors against the subsidy maintain it would force people in lower income areas to join the subsidised societies and thus "conscript" doctors in such areas to toe the line with the society.

Would have to join

Then again, people wouldn't get any benefits unless they joined a friendly or medical society, even though they were paying for it indirectly in social service taxes, it is contended.

The Labour Government collected £90,000,000 in social service payments during the 1948-1949 fiscal year. Mr. Chifley's budget for 1949-1950 provided for another £90,000,000 to be collected in the current year.

Now, if the Menzies medical project is to be basically a contributory scheme, Australians will still want to know what is going to happen to all the tax money they paid into the national welfare funds, out of which, in addition to social security benefits such as old age and invalid pensions, they were promised a national health plan.

"If the Government plans to give the country a real health scheme, it will have to dip heavily into the credit balance of the national welfare fund. If not, then the public will want a lot of its social services payments back—in lower taxation," said a Sydney Daily Telegraph editorial.—United Press.

The replies indicated that the Japanese are not in favour of a foreign power having bases in Japan after a peace treaty is signed. A variety of reasons was given.

"Japan would not like to enter the cold war. One of the factors influencing the people in arranging their decision opposing U.S. bases in Japan is that they are surrounded by Soviet-influenced nations and territories."

Most of the replies indicated that the Japanese feel sure their country will become the battleground in the event of war between the United States and Russia. All expressed the hope that such a war could be prevented and Japan could be spared the horrors of war again.—United Press.

No partings

From Brisbane comes a report that will interest many prospective emigrants.

Arthur Morley reports that British working-class immigrants who could not bear to be parted from their pets have paid £50,000 since the war to take dogs and cats to Australia.

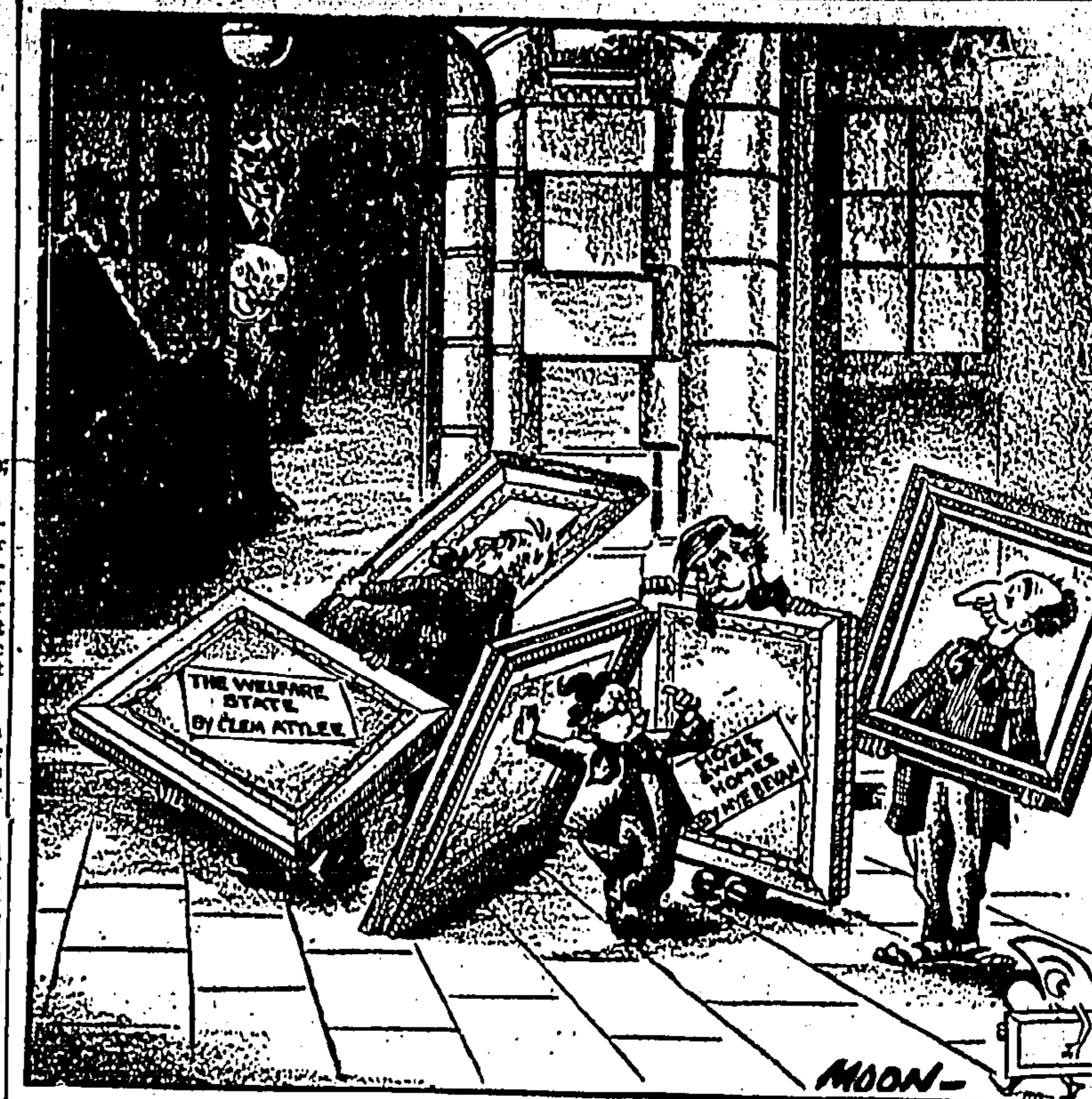
Two were of the opinion that Japan would remain completely neutral and world opinion would serve as her protector. One replied pointed out that the Japanese would probably not have anything to say about whether bases were kept here or not, said the Japanese did not want them even though they are opposed to Communism.

Two replies said the Japanese had had all war they wanted, were scared to death of war and did not want to have anything to do with anybody's military organisation for war that would draw them into another war.

One Italian on the lorry was wounded.

Police are now patrolling both areas.—Associated Press.

The Melbourne branch of the Service has announced that it cannot accommodate any more pets in its quarantining depot. A Pekingese dog from the liner Delphine had to be sent on to Sydney for its three-month quarantine period, imposed by law to prevent the introduction of animal diseases.



MIND YOU, THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT THIS YEAR!

Japanese opposed to U.S. keeping of bases

Tokyo, March 27. Representatives of nine major provincial newspapers believe that most Japanese are opposed to the United States retaining bases in this country after a peace treaty is signed.

There have been reports that the United States would like to keep some bases here, and a survey completed today by the United Press is the first effort to get nationwide reading on the Japanese reaction to the idea.

Individual Japanese in the past have expressed favour for the idea in some cases while others have spoken against it.

The survey was made by submitting questions to Tokyo bureau chiefs of large papers published throughout Japan. More than 20 were asked to participate but replies came from only nine.

"People would like to live up to their new constitution which completely renounces war. They were fed up with war."

"Japan would not like to enter the cold war. One of the factors influencing the people in arranging their decision opposing U.S. bases in Japan is that they are surrounded by Soviet-influenced nations and territories."

Most of the replies indicated that the Japanese feel sure their country will become the battleground in the event of war between the United States and Russia. All expressed the hope that such a war could be prevented and Japan could be spared the horrors of war again.—United Press.

ERITREA AMBUSH

Asmara, March 26. Shiffa bandits ambushed a Public Works Department lorry on the Massawa road today, seriously wounding three native constables and three escorts with hand grenades and rifle fire.

One Italian on the lorry was wounded.

Bandits made an earlier attack on a native bus near Adi Ugri, 32 miles from Asmara, firing on the passengers and killing one of them. A police constable was wounded.

Police are now patrolling both areas.—Associated Press.

Ultimatum in Leopold crisis

Brussels, March 26. Albert Deveze today handed the Belgian Social Christian Catholic Party a four-day ultimatum to abandon King Leopold III or face the electorate early in May.

M. Deveze, Premier-designate and leader of the Liberal Party, told a press conference that he would ask the Regent, Prince Charles, to dissolve Parliament if the Social Christians refused to accept a national solution of the nation's two-week-old governmental crisis.

M. Deveze is the Defence Minister in Bolívar's present Cabinet. As such he is due to attend a meeting of Atlantic Pact Defence Ministers this week at The Hague.

He told correspondents that for this reason he would not negotiate with political leaders beyond Thursday, when he intends to leave for Holland.

The dissolution of Parliament automatically calls for a general election in 40 days.

The 68-year-old Liberal leader did not explain what he meant by a national solution, but under present circumstances this can only be Leopold's abdication in favour of his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin.

M. Deveze's own formula is believed to be for Leopold to return for a while—time enough to be vindicated under a promise to abdicate once he has been re-enthroned.

A shrewd negotiator, M. Deveze merely said he wants a formula acceptable to all three major parties. They are his own Liberal group, which holds the balance in the House of Representatives, the strongly pro-Leopold Social Christians and the avidly anti-Leopold Socialists. Nearly all Liberals favour abdication.—Associated Press.

NEW PARTY IN BAVARIA

Nuremberg, March 26. Representatives from all parts of Bavaria today founded a new political party, the "Refugees' party", to fight in the State election in the autumn.

The Party's programme calls for the peaceful return to Germany of the territories lost in the East through the war. Till that occurs it will work for equal rights for refugees inside the present West Germany.—Reuters.

Malta, March 26. Over 1,000 Maltese, mostly women and children, sailed for Australia today on board the Government-chartered Ocean Triumph to join their husbands and fathers. A similar number left for Australia at the end of February.—Associated Press.

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NEW THEORY ON LIFE'S ORIGIN

London, March 26. A theory that life originated on the shores of the ancient seas under conditions which can never again be duplicated is engaging the attention of British scientists. It is regarded as one of the most interesting contributions to science's greatest mystery in this century.

TRAGEDY OF TWO SISTERS

New York, March 26. The police broke into the flat of two elderly women recluses today and discovered among the mountain of accumulated junk, one dead and the other babbling incoherently.

The body of Mrs. Frances Richter aged 65, was found under the bed in the littered four-room apartment. Her sister, Mrs. Margaret Hahn, aged 63, was discovered in the kitchen mumbling to herself. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital for observation.

Neighbours seldom saw Mrs. Hahn. They said Mrs. Richter did all the marketing and was very friendly with the neighbours but never let them enter.

A mass of newspapers, old magazine and assorted rubble filled all the four rooms. The police broke into the flat after the superintendent complained they did not answer when he went to inspect the flat's fixtures.—United Press.

Robot weatherman

A robot weather man developed by a team of radio experts and physicists in the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, promises to revolutionise meteorological methods in that and perhaps other parts of the world.

Alan Hardcastle, in Wellington, says that the "weatherman" is built to operate for months on end, even for years without recycling attention.

In the South Pacific countries an automatic weather watch and reporter will be of great advantage. In the Northern hemisphere a close network of manned reporting stations is feasible, but in the Southern hemisphere land masses are far separated and the few islands are uninhabited, and mostly uninhabitable.

The robot takes no account of bleak rocks, bitter cold and blizzard storms; it functions regardless of these. It can be given virtually unlimited storage battery power and be kept charged by wind-driven generators.

The prototype robot set up at the central meteorological office in Wellington has been faithfully reporting at three-hourly intervals for weeks now. Wind strength, wind direction, barometric pressure, temperature and humidity, are all recorded. Robot No. 1 will probably be dispatched to the uninhabitable Snares Island, 150 miles South of New Zealand.

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Bolivian coup nipped in the bud

La Paz, March 26. The Bolivian Government announced today that it had foiled a Communist revolutionary plot planned to start next Tuesday under the leadership of a high Russian military chief and French Communist agents.

The leaders, together with a number of others, were arrested last night while holding a meeting to arrange final details, the communiqué said.

The revolution was planned to break out simultaneously at several points throughout the country while the President, Mr. Memori Urioste, was addressing a Congress of schoolmasters at Sucre, 250 miles from La Paz, the capital.

The communiqué said that the entire country is quiet.—Reuters.

Patronising Christianity

By THE REV. SIDNEY M. BERRY, D.D.

It is a kind of inverted tribute to Christianity that men intent on quite other things should attempt to use its authority or influence for their own purposes.

In the period of His earthly life, men sought to crown Christ as King, not because they were willing to render obedience to Him, but because they believed His kingship would favour their political plans.

Many others in the generations since He came have adopted the same attitude. Rival schools of political or economic thinking attempt to use Christianity as a counter in their game of securing adherents.

The patronage of Christianity is a theme which runs through the centuries of its history. The bluntly materialistic schools of thought in modern times have only varied that theme in dismissing Christianity as do. They have sought to patronise in the interests of their idol worship of the State.

From one point of view all this is a childish game, but it has its tragic side. Whenever men turn to Christianity in order to use it for their own ends they are demeaning the highest things in life and indulging in a form of practical blasphemy.

No one has ever made a start on the road which leads to a living faith unless he comes to God to learn and to obey.

To attempt to use God rather than to surrender oneself to be used by Him is perilously near to the "gravest of all sins."

May it not be one of the reasons for the present state of the world that the face of God is hidden because men are intent on using Him for their own ends, and not seeking to find and to do His Will?

It is "the pure in heart who see God," those who are single-minded in their passion to understand and to follow.

Vandenberg plan for U.S. foreign policy approved

Washington, March 26. Senator Arthur Vandenberg's proposal for a non-partisan commission to study long-range American foreign policy won enthusiastic support in the Senate today.

Several members were particularly interested in the Michigan Republican's suggestion which proposed that the Commission consider the problem of dealing with Western European nations after the Marshall-European recovery programme expires in 1952.

Among the supporters of his proposal were Republican Alexander Smith and Democrats John Sparkman, Virgil Craman, Chapman Willis, Robertson and Lester Hill.

House voting on the omnibus foreign aid bill for the next fiscal year is to begin on Tuesday. Administration adherents are most concerned about the provision that would provide \$30,000,000 for the start on President Truman's "Point Four" programme.

Some feel that odds are against its approval.

There is nothing to indicate that Senator Vandenberg's suggestion for the "non-partisan" commission is connected with the

The fifth of six articles on:

The Chinese Revolution

The Communist Party believes that it is its historical mission to rescue the masses of Asia from this tyranny of exploitation. As its first step it has set up an

By Windrush

"Eastern Cominform" with headquarters at Peking, which will be the High Command for the crusade.

Dangerous crusade

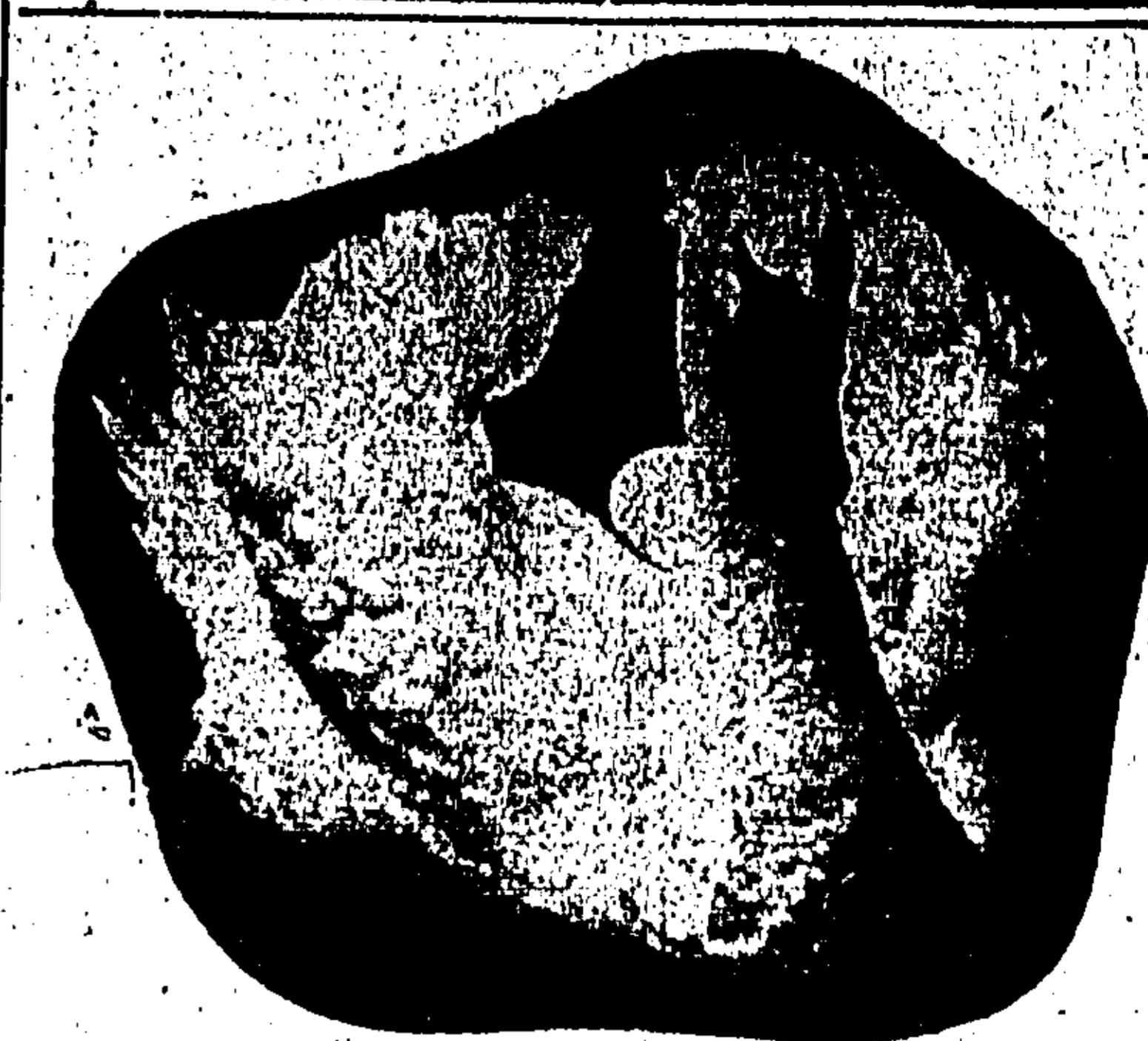
That is how it appears to the Communists. A less biased observer might see that what the Communists really aim at doing is to use the discontent in Asia in order to establish their own political power over as wide an area as possible. The typical Communist State wherever it has been set up in the West itself is a police State on a scale quite unparalleled. There seems no reason to think that the Communist State in China will be any different in this respect from Russia.

What may make the Communist crusade more dangerous is that the ambitions of the Communists will more or less coincide with the traditional Nationalist ambitions of the Chinese

people. It has been the fashion in recent years to think of the Chinese as a peaceful people. This is not really correct. In fact, the Chinese, before the coming of the West, were an active and expansionist political force. Originally, the Chinese State spread from a small area in North China until it subdued the non-Chinese peoples of the South. For a period of many centuries the Chinese Empire spread its power sporadically far over Central Asia. Nearly 2,000 years ago Chinese armies actually reached the Caspian Sea. Large Chinese navies have appeared at Ceylon and in the Arabian Sea. In the past century there has been a great outward drive, quite unopposed but formidable, by the Chinese people into SE Asia.

The Chinese Government has, at various stages in history, been accepted as overlord by Burma, Nepal, Tibet, Annam, and many other Asian countries now independent. The Kuomintang, in its later period, had begun to revive the ambition of reasserting the ancient authority of China. China's neighbours will fear that the Chinese Communist Party, under the pretence of spreading the Communist faith, may, in fact, be impelled, at least partly, by this old imperialist ambition.

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CROSS-ROADS

By Guy Ramsey

Today the Church of England is controlled by a Parliament many of whose members are not even nominal Christians.

What will be its fate tomorrow, when (if the present trend in "modern" thought persists) the State becomes totalitarian and instead of vaguely Agnostic, actively anti-Christian?

That is the question asked by Cyril Garbett, Archbishop and Metropolitan of York, in a large and even a great book published today: *Church and State in England*.

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The Archibishop poses his questions and gives his answers against a background of history, tracing the strengths and weaknesses, the rise and fall and rise of Capitalist.

This, say the Communists, is what happened in China after the Kuomintang seized power and asserted its authority against the Western countries, compelling them to renounce the privileges which they had won by force.

According to the Communists, it is happening also in India. But in India, they say, there has not even been a genuine liberation from the West. The Communists pretend that the transfer of power by the British was a blind. Really, they say, there was a secret undertaking between Western capitalists and the Indian Congress to go into partnership in exploiting the Indian masses.

The Communists accuse Mr. Nehru and Mr. Patel, of being principal leaders of India, of being stooges for the West. The Communists accuse the West of being a savage exploiter of the masses as were the Western capitalists.

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Vipers as bedmates**Vicar's fast
against the
hydrogen bomb**

Boxhill, March 26.

The Anglican Vicar of this
South East resort, the Rev-
erend R. B. Watson, began
a fast against the hydrogen
bomb today—Passion Sunday.He will fast—for 12 hours
a day—to back his demand
for the establishment of a
National Committee to nego-
tiate with the United States
and Russia to outlaw the H-
bomb.He ate a breakfast of a
boiled egg and bread and but-
ter this morning. No other
food passed his lips until
darkness fell when he sat
down to a light evening meal.The Reverend Watson has
written to the Prime Minister,
Mr. Clement Attlee, telling
him that he is calling all
Christian people to a solemn
fast and prayer to continue
until Easter Day.—Reuters.**Parcels for Britain
are slackening off**

Sydney, March 27.

Australian response to the Food for Britain Fund
has slackened considerably during January
and February of 1950, according to the general
organising secretary, Harry Simpson.There has been a 30 per cent drop in the normal
turnover after Christmas.Contributions seem to be
falling off mainly from a
section of the public which
sends parcels to unknown persons
through factory group
subscriptions and dance or
social benefits.Mr. Simpson said contracts with
London packers call for 5,000
food parcels daily. If orders con-
tinue to drop in Australia, he
said costs will be forced up. The
Fund could not operate efficiently
on a small scale. Outside of the
British Ministry of Food, Mr.
Simpson said, the FFB is probably
the biggest bulk buyer of food-
stuffs in Australia.Information to stimulate in-
terest for the Fund must come
from the United Kingdom because
Australians don't know what
Britain's food position is like,"
said Mr. Simpson. He felt that if
the need for parcels still exists,
then there have been insufficient
statements made in Britain to
convince the Australian public.—
United Press.scribers write the name of friends
or relatives."Australians would be glad to
hear that parcels are no longer
required and that the Fund can
be closed," Mr. Simpson said.
He added, however, that as long
as the need is there they would
keep on sending parcels."Information to stimulate in-
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United Press.**BRITON KILLED
NEAR CALCUTTA**Calcutta, March 26.
The President of the Bengal
Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. L.
Cameron, was shot dead this
morning near Chinsurah, about
23 miles from Calcutta.Mr. Cameron, who was a partner
in the Andrew Yule Company,
was returning to Calcutta
from Chinsurah when he was
caught in a communal riot in a
hill area through which he had
to pass.—Reuters.**Australia out to
promote dollar
trading with U.S.**

Canberra, March 27.

Australia's new Menzies-Fadden Government
realizes the need for new and bolder schemes
to promote dollar trade with North America.The Commerce and Agriculture Minister, John
McEwen—who was an Australian delegate to the
United Nations 1945 San Francisco conference—said that the dollar problem is not
a short-term one.

Prospects of greater imports from North America would remain bleak unless present dollar earnings improved, he said.

Mr. McEwen revealed that some of the Government's plans to in-

**TALKS ON
HUMAN
RIGHTS**Lake Success, March 26.
The United Nations Commission on Human Rights is
due to meet here tomorrow to finish drafting an International
Covenant on Human Rights.The Covenant will embody the
principles of the Commission's first Declaration of Human Rights,
which the General Assembly approved by an overwhelming
majority in 1948.The Soviet Union and its
satellites abstained from voting
on the Declaration. It is assumed
here that they will do the same
on the Covenant.They have argued that the
documents do not go far enough
in opposing "Fascism" and alleged
oppression of colonial peoples—but most Commission members
believe Russia also objects to the
Covenant's prohibitions of arbitrary
arrest, imprisonment without
trial, and other practices of
totalitarian States.The Covenant's main provisions
aim at protecting the individual's
liberty, privacy and just rights in every State. They
forbid torture, slavery and moral
indignity.Signatory States will be morally
bound to observe these rules.The Commission is to discuss
means of implementing the
Covenant, including an Australian
proposal for an International
Court of Human Rights to hear
complaints of alleged violations.Russia and some other States
have objected to any enforcement
machinery, on the ground that it
would interfere in a nation's
domestic affairs.—Reuters.**Russian
attack on
Sharett**Moscow, March 26.
The Moscow "Literary Gazette" called the Israel Foreign
Minister, Moshe Sharett, today a "malicious gossip".The Soviet paper alleged that
Mr. Sharett is a follower of Dean
Acheson and said that as per Mr.
Acheson's recipe, Mr. Sharett composed a recent Tel Aviv
speech in which he called the
partisans of peace a propaganda
apparatus.The "Literary Gazette" said Mr.
Sharett's assertion that Israel is
carrying out an independent
foreign policy is nonsense and
declared the Israel Government
has put the nation in the hands
of the U.S.The article said Israel had
received the American loan on
conditions of enslavement and was
now asking for more.The "Literary Gazette" declared:
"We have already noted this
same spiritual kinship between
Mr. Sharett and Mr. Acheson.""The Israeli liar and slanderer
is a match for his American boss.
Just as the effusions of Mr.
Acheson are not able to convince
the peoples of the American
atomists' love of peace, so also
the lies of Mr. Sharett are unable
to justify a policy of grovelling
before Washington on the part of
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By the time attendants could

"Big" Dolly moved her foot, the five-year-old Roger Schooley was dead.

Associated Press.

11th Class Death.

ROMULO ENDORSES LIE'S PEACE SUGGESTIONS

Lake Success, March 26.

The United Nations Assembly President, Carlos P. Romulo, today endorsed the suggestion of the Organisation's Secretary General that immediate steps be taken in a 20-year-programme to bring a just and enduring peace for the whole world.

SHIPPING DELAYED BY FOG

Fog restricted ship movement yesterday, and only five of some 10 expected arrivals entered port.

Local cross-harbour utility craft maintained normal communication without mishap.

An unconfirmed report declared that one of the ferry launches was diverted from its original destination to Stonecutters' Island. Besides the momentary shock of finding themselves "stranded" in mid-harbour, the report further said, the passengers disembarked none the worse for their experience.

The fog which started to veil the fringe of Hong Kong waters over the week-end began to lift later in the evening yesterday. Ships arriving reported being delayed by bad weather outside British waters. Only three ships arrived on Sunday. Others were able to pass through Lymen yesterday, when the weather cleared.

It was stated last evening that the Star Ferry fleet began operation as usual at 6 a.m. The launches maintained normal schedules without any incident.

The Hong Kong-Yaumai Vehicular Ferry Company also declared that its fleet operated as usual. None of the "Y" craft was endangered at any time during the fog.

General Romulo hopes the special meeting of the Security Council as the first step on the programme to end the cold war and settle, among other issues, the boycott of U.N. Proceedings by Soviet bloc countries in protest against the continued presence of Chinese Nationalist delegates.

General Romulo hopes the special meeting of the Security Council may achieve "a turn for the better in the steadily deteriorating international situation. The atomic armaments race has progressed sufficiently to impress on both sides the fact that short of war it can lead only to economic ruin, and beyond that, to total catastrophe."

The pressure of mankind's desire for peace has grown too heavy to be ignored much longer with impunity. The time is ripe for reversing the dangerous drift of events towards a war which nobody really wants and from which none of the prospective combatants can possibly profit."

General Romulo said that the proposal of acting through the Security Council is simple and flexible. It allows the nations to deal through the U.N. without initiating outside negotiations. He said it also allowed the meeting to be clothed with prestige, and urged that the agenda be limited but include a review of the problem of peace in its entirety.

No compulsion

"Being only the first of a series of special sessions of the Security Council," General Romulo went on, "the meeting will be under no compulsion to produce the miracle of a complete and immediate agreement. It will have the advantage, which a single extraordinary conference convoked outside the U.N. will not have, of being able to stages whenever the exigencies of the problem so demand."

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

SCHUMAN SAYS:

ECONOMIC UNION WITH GERMANY PREMATURE

Paris, March 26.

M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, said tonight that suggestions for a Franco-German economic union are still premature. An economic union cannot be attained before a certain degree of political understanding has been reached, M. Schuman said in a speech to the National Committee of the Popular Republican Movement.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

This week has opened as the least closed, dull, flat and unpredictable.

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SOCIALISATION IN EUROPE

Scoul, March 27.

It may have been printed by the "capitalist imperialists" but the American dollar is still in wide official use in Communist countries.

A recent American evacuee from Peking, capital of Communist China, brought the information that Russian advisers to the Government of the Chinese People's Republic demand, and get, American dollars for their wages.

"There are rules against taking the ruble out of Russia," he explained. "They don't want the Jen Min Pao (People's dollar) either. It loses its value too quickly."

When he left Peking the JMP was worth 35,000 to US\$1.00.

He said many of the Russian advisers drove American-built cars.—United Press.

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GERMAN WAGE DEMANDS

Duesseldorf, March 28.

West Germany's 5,000,000-strong Trade Union Federation will probably open a campaign for higher wages in the immediate future, Dr. Hans Boeckler, Chairman of the Federation, said here today.

Dr. Boeckler, who has opposed inflationary wage claims since the occupation, said that labour circles felt that the expected drop of food and consumer goods prices had not taken place. Therefore, unions would probably ask for more pay for their members to restore the proper equilibrium between prices and wages.

The unions would present their case with all the vigour at their disposal, he said.

Dr. Boeckler added that they had already put their views strongly at a recent conference with the Economic Minister, Professor Ludwig Erhard.

They also claimed that the cost of living index used by the Government did not present a true picture of the price structure.

The official cost of living index, taking 1938 as 100, was 154 for a working class family of four in February. This compared with the official figure of 168 for February last year.—Reuter.

Britain's motor car exports

London, March 27.

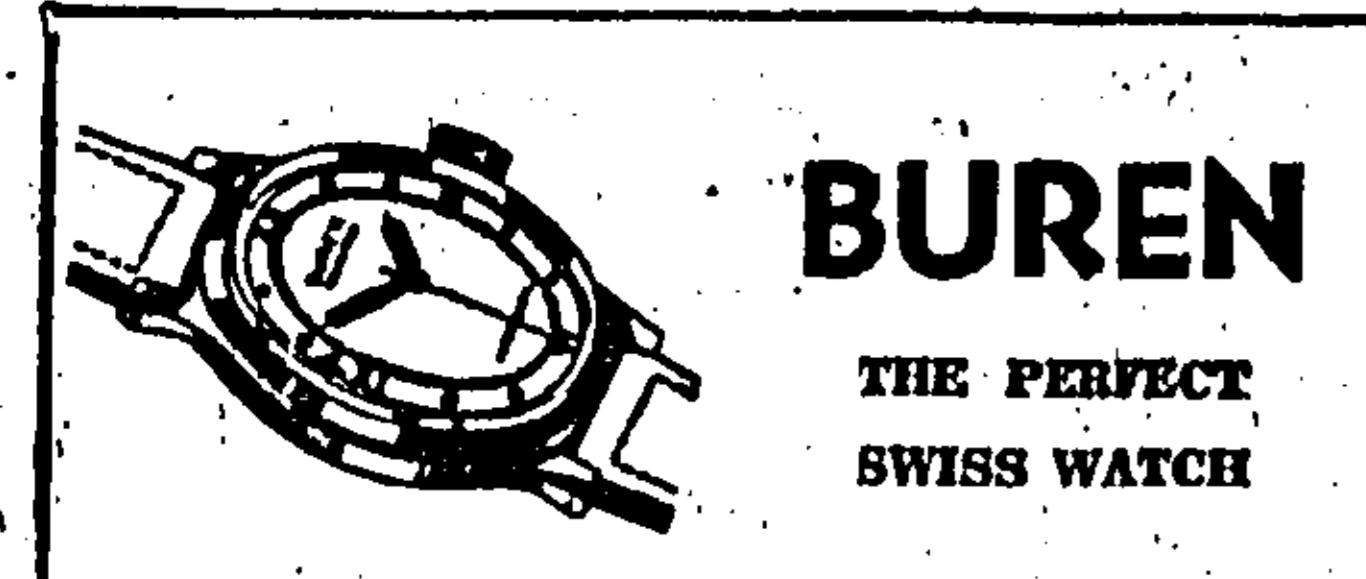
More increases in clothing costs were forecast here today when the Raw Cotton Commission announced rises ranging from a half-penny to four-pence a pound for certain types of raw cotton.

Some American qualities are up by a half-penny to a penny per pound; some Brazilian, East African, West African, and Haitian by a half-penny; certain Egyptian types by two-pence; West India by three-pence; and East Indian by two-pence to four-pence.—Reuter.

London, March 26.

More cars were manufactured in Britain and more exported, during January than in any previous month, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders announced.

A total of 10,000 cars and 4,900 commercial vehicles were made each week in January—300 more cars per week than the previous record in October, 1949, but 100 fewer commercial vehicles than the November record.



CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1950.

TAY BEATS LEE IN BADMINTON FINALS

Robert Tay, the 1948 Colony Singles Badminton champion, regained the title which he lost to C. K. Lee last year, defeating Lee 15-7, 15-6 in this year's final at Recreio last night. Miss Ulian Khoo, holder of the Ladies' Singles title, successfully retained her title for the second year in succession, with a two-set win of 11-1 and 11-4 over Miss Marie Ribeiro.

Benzin Saw and K. Y. Tsu became the first Schoolboys' Doubles champions when, in spite of a gallant resistance by La Salle's Johnny Pomroy, Jr. and F. Allaye, they emerged victorious in two sets, 15-6 and 15-12.

The Junior Mixed Doubles semi-final between J. A. Soares and his wife and A. D. Brown and Mrs. M. Rozario was the only game of the evening that went the full distance of three sets. With A. D. Brown, smashing effectively and Muriel Rozario in brilliant form at the net, the Brown-Rozario combination came out worthy winners, 13-9, 10-15 and 15-5.

The Senior Men's Singles final, which was billed as the main attraction of the evening, fell below expectations, lasting only 31 minutes. Lee was conspicuously below his usual form, most of his shots, which are normally uncannily accurate, going astray. Tay's greater experience and courtcraft stood him in good stead, allowing his opponent no scope to utilise his devastating smashes, by resorting to short services to his opponent's front foot, he forced Lee to hit wide or return the services with half-court shots.

The first set was featured by an almost complete absence of lobbing as Tay smashed and drove every shot that came over his side. Tay went to a lead of 3-1, then 0-3 and, after contesting one more

FANLING GOLF

Winner of the Stapleford competition played on the Old Course at Fanling last week-end was Mr. W. C. Hung (10) with a total of 38 points.

The final of the G. M. Young Cup was played on Sunday and resulted in a win for Jardines who defeated Butterfield and Swire by 5 points to 3.

The final of the Mixed Four-somes was also played on Sunday when Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ketola beat Miss D. Cuthbertson and Mr. E. T. McMullen by 6 and 5.

The entries for the Shanghai Visitors' Cup will close on Sunday.

Arsenal cup eleven team of "old men"

London, March 26. Arsenal, who entered the Football Association Cup final at Wembley on April 29 by beating Chelsea in the semi-final replay, must be one of the oldest teams to reach the final stage. Only four of the Arsenal team, which beat Chelsea are under 30—Wally Barnes at left back, Freddie Cox, the right winger who scored the winning goal, Jimmy Logie, at inside right, and the "baby" of the team, Peter Goring, at centre forward.

The oldest member of the team is Leslie Compton, the elder brother of Denis Compton, who plays at outside left. Leslie will be 38 this year and he is run close by Joe Mercer, the captain, who is 36.

Assuming that Leslie Compton is fit and selected for centre-half—his choice can be taken for granted—his appearance at Wembley will be his third Cup final there for Arsenal, all three in different positions.

During the early war period when Service calls on their players forced Arsenal to experiment, Leslie played a number of games at centre-forward and after several notable scoring feats including 10 out of 15 in a match against Clapton—now Leyton-Orient, he led the attack in the 1941 League War Cup final.

Of the team which represented Arsenal at Wembley in that match—which they drew 1-1 with Preston North End, only the Compton brothers and Laurie Scott, the left back, are still playing for the club.

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THE WING FORWARD IN RUGBY

London, March 26. Marked influence of the wing forward in postwar Rugby has strengthened the opinion of many of the game's leading personalities that excessive attention is being paid to loose play by back row forwards.

There was a time when these back row men, packed tightly, exerted their full weight in the line containing as many variations and surprise packets as could be wished for, as well as giving a good assembly of spectators an entertaining view of the chase.

The field went peppering through Homestead Orchard and over several early ditch jumps to emerge safely the other side without leaving an Absalom behind in the branches.

Now, the average wing forward is essentially a spoiler. He rarely gives an honest shove, preferring instead either to lean on the scrum or hover on the fringe, ready to pounce on the opposing scrum half immediately the ball clears the heels of the rear rank.

His very presence tends to limit the scope of open play outside since frequently the scrum half does not give the room in which to start three-quarter movements.

Consequently, many matches are spoilt as a spectacle by this confusion and indecisive play around the scrum, which exasperates the purist who delights at the sight of backs in full flight.

The solution to the problem lies in tactics. No wing forward would stand a chance against the scrum half time to fling out the quick, clean heel which gives the ball, unhampered, to his partner.

Therefore, until backs concentrate on quick heeling and halves introduce more skill into their play, the wing forward will remain primarily a frustrator of open Rugby. The new instructional film, which it is hoped will become available by August, will be accompanied by speakers' notes, suitable for classes of schoolboys or for International players. The opening part of the film shows the late Harry Holmes, England fullback last season, fielding, catching and kicking to touch.—Reuter.

GERMAN VETERAN BEATS DROBNY

Alexandria, March 26. Gottfried Von Cramm (Germany) won the men's singles title of the International-Lawn Tennis Championships here. Von Cramm reversed a previous defeat when he beat Jaroslav Drobny, self-exiled Czech, by 18-6, 6-3, 9-11, and 6-4 in the final, which lasted two and a half hours.

Drobny beat Von Cramm in straight sets in Cairo two weeks ago.

In the final of the women's doubles Mrs. Pat Todd and Miss Gertrude "Gussie" Moran (United States) beat Mrs. A. Bossi (Italy) and Miss Gem Roehling (Britain) by 6-4 and 7-5.

Adrian Quist (Australia) and Miss Moran beat Drobny and Mrs. H. Weiss (Argentina) by 6-2, 6-0 to win the mixed doubles title.—Reuter.

ROAD RACING IN FRANCE

Paris, March 26. The French National Criterium marked the official opening of French road cycle racing today. It was won by Pierre Barbotin, who covered the 200-mile distance in 5 hrs. 51 mins. 21 secs.

Guy Laprade was second in 5 hrs. 52 mins. 55 secs. Louis Deprez was third with the same time as Laprade.—Reuter.

DAVE SANDS TO FIGHT "BOY" BROOKS IN SINGAPORE

Sydney, March 27. Dave Sands, Australian holder of the Empire middleweight title, will fight "Boy" Brooks, welter, middle and lightweight champion of the Orient in Singapore on April 14.

Sands' manager, Tom McQuire, said today that he had cabled an acceptance of an offer of A£1,000 and return fare for Sands and himself to Singapore from the Stadium manager, Mr. R. Aziz.

McQuire added that he has planned to take Sands to London on April 15.

Arsenal have probably set up a record by reaching the Cup final without playing out of their district of North London.

Previous years other clubs

have been drawn at home in each of the early rounds, but have travelled for the semi-final, which is played on a neutral ground.

Arsenal, however, came out of the hat in the semi-final draw with another London club, Chelsea, and the replay, as well as the first match, were both played at Tottenham Hotspur ground, which is only a few miles from Arsenal at Highbury.

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Two years later, Arsenal made their next appearance at the famous Stadium, where they beat Charlton Athletic 7-1 in the Football League South Cup final, the scorers being Reg Lewis, who still plays at inside left (4); Ted